

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-21, 22, and 24-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 13, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, and 25 have been amended to better describe the present invention. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 21 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 26-34 have been added.

1. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references provided in the Information Disclosure statement filed on April 1, 2005.

2. The Examiner objected to claim 21. Claim 21 has been canceled, and therefore the objections is now moot.

3. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17, 18, and 22 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Han et al. (US 6,672,163). The Examiner further rejected claims 9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. and over Han et al. in view of Liljenberg et al. (2004/0006409), respectively.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's rejections, however, in light of the amendment the rejections are now moot.

4. The Examiner objected to claims 16, 19-21, and 23-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten each of the allowable claims in independent form. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 21, and independent claim 22 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 23. Further dependent claims 16, 19, 20, 24 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, and 25 be reconsidered and allowed.

5. Claims 4, 5, 8-15, 17, and 18 variously depend from allowable claims 1 and 22, and therefore should be allowed.

6. Applicants request that claims 26-34 be added and allowed to the present invention. Newly added claim 26 is a method claim having similar limitations as allowable claim 16, and therefore is allowable. Newly added claims 27-34 variously depended from allowable claim 22, and therefore is allowed.

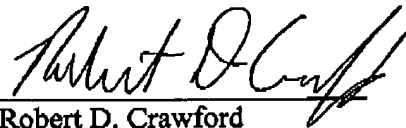
7. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and allowed. If the Examiner is not prepared to allow all the claims in view of the discussion herein, Applicants hereby respectfully request a phone interview with the Examiner at the Examiner's earliest convenient. Applicants' counsel can be reached at 203-626-3502 (direct dial) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by E-mail at rcrawford@cidra.com.

8. Applicants claim small entity status for the present invention.

9. A petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is submitted herewith. Please charge the fee of \$60.00 for the one-month extension of time and the fee of \$675.00 for additional claims to Deposit Account No. 50-0260 Order No. CC-0699. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account. Deposit Account No. 50-0260 Order No. CC-0699.

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